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THE

Savoyard Boy.

Evans, Printer, Long-lane, London.

I CAME from a land far away,
My parents to keep me were poor,
To please you I sing, and I play,
Yet a living can scarcely procure.
About sad and hungry I go,
Tho' smiling as if 'twere with joy,
Then a trifle in pity bestow,
To relieve a poor Savoyard Boy.

When round me the children I see,
So careless and happy appear,
I sigh while they listen to me,
And oft as I play drop a tear.
I cannot help thinking, that they
Can fly to their parents with joy,
While mine they are far, far away—
Then relieve a poor Savoyard Boy.

Should I return to that land, far away,
My poor hapless parents to see,
With me they for ever would pray,
For the kindness you lavish on me.
Oh! had I the means to repay
Your bounty, I would then with joy—
Then turn not in pity away,
But relieve a poor Savoyard Boy.